

SESSION 3 – SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

THE BIRTH OF MOSES

Let's Study Exodus 2:

- Have you memorized the first 8 books of the Old Testament? Great job!
- Normally a husband and wife celebrate the birth of a son. What do you think the mother and father were thinking and feeling when this baby boy was born? Why?
- Do you know that the Egyptian word for 'basket' used here is the same as the word used for Noah's ark? How are these two 'baskets' similar?
- The baby's sister stood watch over the basket. Do you know her name? Look up Exodus 15:20.
- Miriam was smart and brave. What was she thinking when she walked up to the powerful Egyptian princess? Who was the woman who nursed the baby boy? Just think how incredible this story is – not only does the baby's mother get to take care of him, but she is also paid for it!
- How many women can you count who disobeyed the powerful Pharaoh? Maybe the Pharaoh is not as powerful as he thinks he is!
- 'Moses' is an Egyptian name which means "is born", but it sounds a lot like the Hebrew word which means "to pull out." Why did the princess name the baby Moses? Where did Moses grow up?
- Do you know how old Moses was when he killed the Egyptian? Read Acts 7:20-24.
- Have you ever thought of Moses as a murderer? Even God's most faithful servants have done wrong things. There is no perfect person, except for God. Yet God can use every one of us, as sinful as we are, to do wonderful things for him!
- Moses had to run for his life. Do you know where Midian is? It is in southeastern Sinai and west central Arabia – on both sides of the eastern arm of the Red Sea. Look at your map in the back of the Bible to find Midian (it is not named on the map). What a difference from Moses' royal home in Egypt – this is desert! Who are the Midianites? Look up Genesis 25:2. Do you know how long Moses lived in Midian? Look up Acts 7:29-30.
- How did Moses meet his wife?
- The Israelite slaves cried out in pain! Who heard their cries and what did he remember?
- Look up these passages to read about God's covenant. Write down who God made each of these covenants with:

Genesis 15:12-18 _____

Genesis 26: 23-25 _____

Genesis 35:11-12 _____

- What do you think God felt when he heard the slaves groaning in their suffering?

For Next Week:

- Memorize the next 6 books of the Bible (you'll see how they belong together). Now you know the first 14 books of the 39 books of the Old Testament. Good job!
- Read Exodus 3 and think about the following questions.
- Why did a bush in the desert attract Moses' attention? What was it?
- God cares about the suffering of his people. What does God want Moses to do?
- What is Moses' response to God's directions? See verse 11 and verse 13.
- What is God's name? What do you think God's name tells us about who God is?
- What does God say the king of Egypt will do when he hears Moses' message?
- Read Genesis 15:12-14. In this passage (which happened 400 years earlier) God tells Abraham everything that is now happening with Moses. What does God say the people will leave Egypt with? Now read Exodus 3:21-22. Isn't it interesting how even small details of the Bible fit together!

Something to think about:

Look carefully at God's words to Moses in verses 7 – 10. What did God see? What did God hear? What was God concerned about? Then God continues, "So...." God sees, hears, and cares, then he responds with action! What word describes God's plan of action? Have you thought about a God who sees and hears and cares about what people are going through? Next time you see suffering around you or in the news, remember that our God is a God who sees, hears, and cares. God always was and always will be a God who cares! Then remember that God sends his servant to do God's work. God sent Moses to Pharaoh. I wonder where God will send you to do God's work in the world! God asks every one of us to do his work in the world. We can do great things for others if we are willing to be God's servant.

Pray that God will give you a willing heart that recognizes God's voice and responds to God's call.